

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 31, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD (PRESENT AT 7:06 P.M.)
MAYOR PRO TEM JOANN GORDON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE CREWS
COUNCIL MEMBER R.R. "BOB" MINTER

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
POLICE CHIEF DAN CHISHOLM
FIRE CHIEF BILL CREWS
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
SECRETARY SUSAN STEWART

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Gordon called the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon announced that Mayor Earwood would be late.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Holland delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Council Butler led the pledges of allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY CORI BLUME FOR USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT FOR A FUND RAISER BENEFITING THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION.

Cori Blume was present to request the use of the Community Center parking lot on September 18, 2010 in order to host a fundraising benefit for the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk. The event would provide musical entertainment along with food and drinks.

Council Members made several recommendations for Ms. Blume to consider. The City Noise Ordinance would not allow the bands to continue after 10:00 p.m. Ms. Blume would be responsible for providing portable generators as a power source. Traffic and crowd control would need to be discussed with the Police Chief. Shirley Wheat requested that Ms. Blume complete the appropriate paperwork in order to lock in the time and date requested. Lastly, Ms. Blume would need to contact Tarrant County regarding the sale of food and/or beverages.

Council Member Crews moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to approve the usage of the Community Center outside area on September 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with an additional one hour for cleanup. All voted "Aye."

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DISQUALIFY UNIFIED 360 AS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE CITY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (RO2010-0010) AS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED ON JULY 27, 2010 AND AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO RE-BID THE PROJECT.

FC Crews recommended to cancel the previously accepted bid from Unified 360 to provide telecommunications services due to some concerns that the city attorney has with the proposed contract. In addition, Unified 360 had originally stated that Unified 360 is DPS approved to work on the Police Department equipment; however Staff has reported that they are not yet approved. FC Crews recommended that the project be re-bid.

Council Member Crews moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to discontinue the agreement with Unified 360 and to re-bid the project. All voted "Aye."

6. APPEARANCE OF SHIRLEY WHEAT REGARDING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THIS YEAR'S FIFTH QUARTER BEING HELD IN THE RIVER OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER.

Community Center Director Shirley Wheat requested Council approval to host a "Fifth Quarter" event at the Community Center in collaboration with four area churches. The event would allow students to participate in post-game activities on the nights of home games during the hours of 10:00-12:00 p.m. Ms. Wheat stated that students would be required to present current student identification or an invitation from one of the participating churches in order to gain entry. All activities would be contained within the building and a reserve police officer would be present. Ms. Wheat stated that a noise concern from the previous year has been resolved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE PROPOSAL OF \$0.910000/\$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE

At 7:39 p.m. Mayor Earwood opened the public hearing.

Mayor Earwood stated that the tax rate was published at a proposed rate of \$.910000 per \$100 of property value; however Staff has prepared the proposed budget with a rate of \$.860000 per \$100 of property value.

CS Gregory read a comparison of local cities tax rates according to information received from 2009 TML data.

Mayor Earwood stated that the tax rate is schedule to be adopted during a public meeting of the City Council on September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Earwood closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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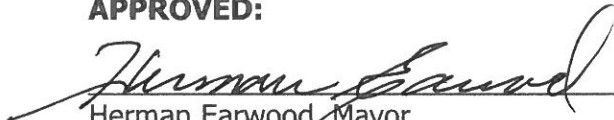
Prior to adjournment Mayor Earwood gave the opportunity for public comments.

Linda Claridge announced that the River Oaks Historical Society has appointed a committee to work on a book that will record the history of the city.

James Myrick gave a brief history of the home he resides at on Meandering Road and his meetings with the original owner of the house.

At 8:02 p.m. Council Member Holland moved, seconded by Council Member Crews, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary